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In re Application of: Meir Eini et al. ) Examiner: M. Haghigatian  
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Filing Date: August 31, 2000 )  
For: PHARMACEUTICAL AND COSMETIC CARRIER OR COMPOSITION FOR  
TOPICAL APPLICATION

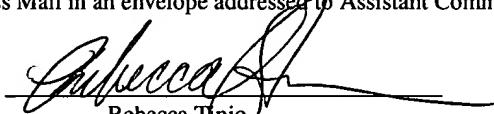
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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This submission is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2002. Applicants submit the following amended claims, which amendments are shown in the attached Amendments with Brackets and Underlining Showing Changes Made. It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims, in view of the remarks which follow, place the claims in condition for allowance.